(c) The high volume of NPAs has been a matter of serious concern to RBI. RBI has been exhorting bank's top managements through discussions after each annual financial inspection and during the memorandum of understanding (MOU) discussions to reduce the NPAs to sustainable levels Govt. and RBI have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen the credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Targets for recovery/ reduction for non performing assets have been fixed by RBI. Banks have also set up recovery cells at their head quarters under the charge of a General Manager exclusively to monitor the recovery of NPAs. Branch-wise targets have been fixed for recovery of NPAs and performance of branches in recovery is to be monitored at head office level on a monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors are also required to be kept informed about the progress in recovery at quarterly intervals.

RBI has issued guidelines to banks for taking possible pragmatic action including compromises on reasonable terms instead of resorting to prolonged litigation.

Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) have been established at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi and Jaipur and an Appellate Tribunal at Mumbai under Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to banks and financial institutions.

Banks have also been advised to settle their loan recovery cases through Lok Adalats/Nayalayas through fair compromises.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Arrangement for maintenance of Regular Records of Revenue Earning by Foreign/ Private Channels

346. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCATING be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 1618 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government will ensure that arrangements are introduced for maintenance of regular records of revenue earned by foreign/private channels in the country; and

(b) whether arrangement will also be made to maintain centrally a complete statement of leakage of foreign exchange because of remittances made by foreign television channels out of the advertisement revenue they earn in India?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Finalising the proposal for control of Malaria in Tribal Areas

347. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted the necessary information as required by the World Bank for finalising the proposal in respect of tribal areas for control of malaria; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Few States with high malaria endemicity and sizeable tribal backward population were asked to furnish detailed epidemiological